(a) whether private aviation companies are posing stiff competition to the Government aviation companies; and

(b) if so, the number of such private companies and the routes for which licences have been issued to them?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). At present seven companies have obtained permits to operate Air Taxi Services. They are free to operate to any airfield open to scheduled services. No routewise licences are issued. They are expected to supplement the services provided by the existing scheduled operations and improve the services by infusing some competition.

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T. V. Transmitter at Karimnagar, Andhra Pradesh

6257. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up 10 KW transmitter at Karimnagar, Andhra Pradesh for transmission of TV programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the places in Andhra Pradesh where 10 KW transmitters are likely to be installed during 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A high power (10 KW) TV transmitter replacement of the existing low power (100 W) TV transmitter at Tirupati is expected to be commissioned into service during 1992-93.

Safety Measures at Shrinagar Airport

6258. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether safety measures provided at Shrinagar Airport are not adequate; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure safety or passengers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Adequate safety measures have been provided at Srinagar airport and their adequacy is periodically reviewed in the light of theat perception.

Conveyance for Postmen in Uttar Pradesh

6259. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide conveyance to the postmen for carrying money orders and other valuable parcels for delivery to the addresses to the North Bihar district Savan, Siwan and Gopalganj;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.